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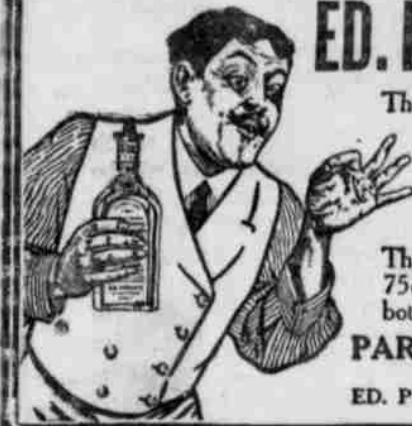
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GOOD ROADS

MAINTENANCE OF GOOD ROAD

To Prevent Water From Standing on Traveled Way Surface Should Be Raised in Center.

If you look at the ordinary country road after a shower, you will see small puddles along the wheel ruts and sometimes larger pools. This water stays on the road surface because it cannot drain away into the side ditches. If you look closely you will see said ditches which have grown up with bushes and weeds in many cases, and which are so far from the traveled part of the road that the rain water does not drain into them. That part of the roadway where the wagons travel is called the traveled way. To prevent water from standing on the traveled way, the road should be raised in the center and should slope gently into broad, shallow ditches. It is then said to have a crown. If it is ten feet from the center of the road to the side ditch, the surface at the side ditch should be at least ten inches lower than it is at the center where the horses travel. The road then has a ten-inch crown. The rain that falls on a road properly crowned will run quickly to the side and not soak into the surface or form pools. The side ditches for surface water should run parallel to the right of way, and should be open at every low point so that the water can run out of them into neighboring brooks or streams. If the ditches merely collect the water from the road surface and it cannot run away, large pools will be formed along the roadside, which will gradually soak into the soil beneath the road and make it so soft that the wheels of wagons will cut through the road surface and soon destroy it.

Sometimes water runs from land along the road into the road, and forms a little stream down the wheel tracks or in the middle, where the horses travel. When driveways into farm yards are built across the side ditches they frequently form channels for water from the farm yard to run into the road. The pipes under driveways become filled with leaves or rubbish and the water can no longer run away. If the driveways that stop the ditch water were rebuilt so that no pipes were necessary and the ditch could be left open, much trouble from surface water would be stopped.

To keep a road smooth and crowned the best method is to drag it with a road drag. A road drag is made easily with two halves of a log which has been split. The log should be about six or eight inches in thickness and about six or eight feet long. The two halves of the log are set three feet



Limestone Macadam Road in Virginia, apart with the smooth faces forward and upright. They are then fastened together with braces set in holes bored through the log. A pair of horses may be used to drag the road, and are hitched to a chain fastened to the front half of the log. The road drag should move forward so that it slants across the road in such a way that a small amount of earth will slide past the smooth face of the log toward the center of the road, thus forming the crown. The edges of the logs will smooth out the ruts. The best way to drag is to begin at the side ditch and go up one side of the road, and then down the other. In the next trip the drag should be started a little nearer the center, and the last trip over the road the drag may work close to the center itself. Small ridges of earth will be thrown in the horse track and smeared by the round side of the log smoothly over the road. Smearing the earth by the drag is called "puddling," and it tends to make the surface of the road smooth and water tight after the sun comes out. The road is always dragged after it has rained, and not when it is dry. A good, strong pair of horses with a well-built drag can drag three or four miles of road in a day, and it is the best way to maintain good roads. In every county some farmer along each four miles of road should own a drag and drag the road when it rains, and he would always find the road in good condition when he goes to market.

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